

# MAJOR GENERAL MYLES LYNN DEERING

## BIOGRAPHY

Major General Myles L. Deering began his military career on 5 October 1971 when he enlisted into the United States Army Reserve at the age of 18. Three years later, he transferred into the Texas Army National Guard and entered the Officer Candidate School program. General Deering was commissioned on 15 May 1976 as an Infantry Second Lieutenant in the 36th Infantry Brigade.

General Deering transferred into the Oklahoma Army National Guard's 45th Infantry Brigade in 1977 and served in a variety of platoon leader and executive officer assignments. He assumed command of the Combat Support Company, First Battalion 180th Infantry in February 1980 and was promoted to Captain in March 1981. In December 1981, General Deering moved to the Headquarters of the 45th Infantry Brigade where he served as the Assistant S-2 (Intelligence). In February 1983, he assumed command of Company C, First Battalion 180th Infantry in Holdenville, Oklahoma.

In October 1984, General Deering was reassigned as the S-3 Air at the Headquarters of the First Battalion 180th Infantry in Durant, Oklahoma. In May 1986, he moved to the 700th Support Battalion in Oklahoma City where he served in succession as the Battalion S-1, Brigade Adjutant General, and Battalion Executive Officer. He was promoted to Major in February 1988. In March 1991, General Deering was reassigned to the Headquarters of the 45th Infantry Brigade where he again served as the Brigade Adjutant General. He returned to assumed command of the 700th Support Battalion in October 1992 and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel that same month. In June 1995, General Deering became the Executive Officer for the 45th Infantry Brigade.

In March 1996, General Deering was selected to serve as the Secretary to the General Staff at Headquarters, State Area Command. He then served as the Military Technician Management Officer and later as the Director for the Human Resources Directorate within the Headquarters, State Area Command. He was promoted to Colonel in July 1999. In March 2001, General Deering was selected to serve as Director for Plans, Operations, and Training with responsibility for all operations and training within the Oklahoma Army National Guard. He was reassigned as Chief of the Joint Staff for the newly designated Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in May 2003.

In December 2004, General Deering returned to the 45th Infantry Brigade to assumed command of the entire brigade. He was promoted to Brigadier General on 10 February 2005. On extremely short notice, General Deering deployed to New Orleans as Commander of the Oklahoma National Guard's Joint Task Force following the devastating hurricanes of Katrina and Rita in August and September of 2005. Upon his arrival, he assumed command and responsibility for over 15,500 Active Army, National Guard, and Marine personnel providing disaster relief operations and support. In October 2007, General Deering mobilized with his brigade and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He returned in November 2008 and was promoted to Major General on 13 November 2008 in his new assignment as Director, Manpower and Personnel (J-1) at the National Guard Bureau in Washington DC. On 3 February 2009, General Deering was appointed



by the Governor of Oklahoma to become the Adjutant General for the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard.

Major General Deering is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Ordnance Officer Advance Course, the US Army Command and General Staff Course, and the US Army War College. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College and a Master of Science Degree in Natural and Applied Sciences from Oklahoma State University. He also holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Major General Deering has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service with six oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with two bronze service stars, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and numerous other Federal and State awards.

He is married to Pamela Sue Deering and they have one son, Daniel.



